GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Budgetary Allocation for Education of S C
Senguttuvan Shri Balasubramaniam

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the budgetary allocation for education of Scheduled Castes during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(b) whether the budgetary allocation have been fully utilised by the States during each financial year;

(c) whether there was any shortfall in the disbursement of budgetary allocation for the education of Scheduled Castes during the said period; and

(d) whether the Government is aware of the delay in the disbursement of scholarships to Scheduled Castes students and if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
(SHRI VIJAY SAMPLA)

(a): Central Assistance has been released to States/UTs under the following centrally sponsored schemes for education of Scheduled Castes:
(i) Post matric Scholarship for SC students
(ii) Pre matric Scholarship to SC students studying in classes IX and X
(iii) Upgradation of Merit of SC students

The State-wise details of Central Assistance released during the last three years and the current year are attached at Annexure-I to III.

(b): Central Assistance released to the States/UTs is fully utilized by them. In case, if any amount remains unspent, the same is adjusted during the subsequent release of Central Assistance.

(c) & (d): Under the scheme of Pre-matric (IX &X) and Upgradation of Merit for SC students, Central Assistance is released to State as per their demand. Release of Central Assistance is made on receipt of complete proposal from the States/UTs. Under Post Matric Scholarship for SC students, the total demand of States/UTs is more than budgetary allocation made. Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance has been requested to make additional funds available to meet the shortfall in Post matric Scholarship for SC students. Central Assistance of Rs. 2153.49 crore, Rs. 1963.38 crore, Rs. 2213.88 crore have been released to States/UTs under this scheme during 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16 respectively. During 2016-17, Budget allocation has been made for Rs. 2791.00 crore, out of which Rs. 2533.21 crore has been released to States/UTs as on 21.07.2016.